(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government considers that such demands arise on account of economic imbalances and such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and that the creation of a separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

President's Police Medals

2081. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that President's Police medals and/or meritorious and distinguished service medals have recently been given to a few police officers of Madhya Pradesh in spite of complaints by several Members of Parliament that these officers had served the political ends of certain vested interests in the discharge of their duties;

(b) whether the High Court of Madhya Pradesh has in its order dated the 30th November, 1987 in Crl. Revision No. 185/87 ruled that these very officers had acted in a *malafide* manner further substantiating the allegations of the aforesaid Members of Parliament;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for giving these awards in spite of the fact that in future such politically motivated Court severly indicting these officers had been brought to the notice of the Central Governmnt; and

(d) what remedial action Government propose to take to ensure that the aforesaid wrong is corrected and also to ensure that in future such politically motivated police officers are not unduly rewarded at the highest national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The President's Police Medal for distinguished service and Police Medal for meritorious service to some police officers were awarded on the occasion of Republic Day, 1987. As per complaints received, these officers were allgd to have acted maliciously and unlawfully against some individuals. Since the awards are made on the basis of recommendations received from the State Governments/Union Territories etc., the complaints were brought to the notice of the concerned State Government for appropriate action. The State Government had intimated that on enquiry, the allegations made against the police officers were not proved.

Another complaint has been received recently with a copy of the High Court judgement dated 30.11 87 in Crl. Revision No. 185/87. This has also been sent to the State Government for immediate enquiry and report.

Seizures of Gold in Bombay

2082. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 12th January, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Air-Intelligence Unit has seized gold worth Rs. 20 crores in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any arrests have been made and action taken by Government against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Although, the caption of the news-item reads "20 crores worth gold seized